

—A special from Turkish army near says that Edhem disorderly retreat of that he captured and said: "It is, however, under abandoned a position fortified." It is that the Turks would not the Greek of the arrival of belonging to a Greek the Albanian soldiers fled southward, leaving vast quantities. Edhem Pasha is here and has posted of all churches. All ed manfully.

TITLE BILL.

and now goes to the bill 27.—The house now clause the senate bill. It is exact

two years ago exact provision which power to pass on it held to be a judgment could not be vested in

The bill passed to the bill proceedings to the state. The statute of from five years to the governor.

CABINET.

May mean an emergency.

The fact that a bill this morning in the state of Salisbury next indicate that matters consideration.

the offensive.

The Turkish forces at Metzoro and of Epirus. A bound for this port of the gulf by was allowed to pro-

le Danger.

A dispatch received here from Athens may at any moment indicate that the possession of the side that the worst is

ly crowded.

An extraordinary assembly has been convened. The offer of the opposition have been

the King.

Great excitement M. Ralli, the and other prominent summoned to meet the noon.

All invoked.

April 27.—The European views in re- of mediating be-

a recalled.

A Constantine has recalled Osman to avoid embarrassing

quarters moved.

The Turkish head removed from Elbasan miles west by north

er resigns.

An Athens special master of marine has a

Prize.

—Prince Louis Baden, died today.

Pinafore tonight at the Grand.

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MARKET REPORT.

By E. E. TAYLOR.

Chicago—Wheat opened about where it left off last night, but before the day was over made a break, and a loss was the result of the session. July has become the active month, and the trading in that was heavier than in May, but was fair in both, and the market was an active one. The perfect weather was the bear influence today. The cables were rather uncertain. Liverpool private reported wheat as opening lower and being 3d above yesterday's closing at time of cabling, while London reported wheat easier off coast, and easy and 3d and 6d lower on passage, with English country markets quiet and steady. Consols, too, were higher, money being at 111 1/2 and accounts at 111 15-16, and this had a depressing effect. Paris opened 6c to 15c lower, with French country market firm. The Northwestern receipts were fair at 303 cars, and Hyde, of La Crosse, wired they will be larger. Cables, all things considered, were rather on the firm side, but Kauffman, of St. Louis, sold in Chicago and St. Louis, and the latter flooded Chicago with selling orders, and these had their effect. The French Journal of Agriculture says: "Wheat in France seriously affected and overrun with weeds. Weather still bad. Spring seeding retarded." Total clearances, with New York from which to hear, were 1328 wheat and 5768 flour, equaling together 28,000 bushels of wheat. Minneapolis got 196 and Duluth 197 cars of wheat today, a total of 393, against 290 (Minneapolis 168, Duluth 128) a week ago, and 641 (Minneapolis 109, Duluth 532) a year ago.

—Corn opened a little higher, but sold off later with wheat. Trade was good, and market fairly active, but there were few features. The total clearances, New York to hear from, were 471,601 bushels.

Oats opened slightly lower, and sold on down through sympathy. The trade was fair and the market not inactive, but there were no features.

Provisions opened lower on weak hogs, and with slightly better trade sold on down a little. No features and little doing.

	Open-	High-	Low-	Clos-
Wheat—				
April.....	73 1/2	74	72	72 1/2
May.....	73 1/2	75 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Corn—				
April.....	—	—	24	24
May.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24
June.....	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2
Sept.—Oct.	27	27	26 1/2	26 1/2
—Oats—				
April.....	—	—	18 1/2	18 1/2
May.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
June.....	18 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
—Barley—				
April.....	8.47 1/2	8.50	8.37 1/2	8.45
May.....	8.47 1/2	8.50	8.37 1/2	8.45
—Lard—				
April.....	4.15	4.17 1/2	4.10	4.12
May.....	4.15	4.17 1/2	4.10	4.12
—Hogs—				
April.....	4.70	4.70	4.65	4.65
July wheat: put, 80%; oats, 73%; corn, 71 1/2.				
TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOADS.				
Wheat—18. Estimated, 9. Year ago, 26.				
Corn—144. Estimated, 160; a year ago, 43.				
Oats—250. Estimated, 240; a year ago, 455.				
RECEIPTS FOR TO-MORROW.				
Wheat, 3; Corn, 80; oats, 140.				
Hog receipts 18,000; estimated, 20,000.				
Market week.				
Light, \$2.90-\$4.12; Mixed, \$3.90-\$4.12;				
Heavy \$3.80-\$4.07; Rough \$3.60-\$3.70.				
Estimated for to-morrow, 27,000.				
Oats receipts, 2,500. Market steady.				
PEORIA. April 26.—Corn, early, No. 2, white, 26c; oats, firm, No. 2, white, 21 1/2c; hay, scarce, nominal.				
FOUR PEOPLE DROWNED.				
Cumberland Falls, Ky., April 27.—Matt McKeon, John Davis, Maggie and Minty Shepard, young people, were riding in a skiff and ventured too near the mill dam and were swept over and drowned.				
IT MAY BE THERMOPYLAE AGAIN.				
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Sale of a Creamery.

The plant of the Warrensburg Butter and Cheese company, consisting of building, engine and boiler, butter, cheese and feed mill machinery, will be sold on Saturday, May 1 at 10 o'clock to the highest bidder for cash or approved note bearing 7 per cent interest from date, for one year. Building and parts of machinery will be sold separately if desired. Let can also be bought or leased at reasonable terms. Sale at Warrensburg.

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THE COUNTY BOARD.

Business of the Organization Meeting in
Detail—June Grand Jury.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY.

The Board of Supervisors of Macon county met at the court house in the City of Decatur, on the 27th day of April, A. D. 1897, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., pursuant to the following call:

DECATOR, ILL., April 10, 1897.

J. M. Dodd, County Clerk—Sir: You will please call a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Macon county to convene April 27, 1897, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing the Board and to consider such other business as may properly come before the Board.

Ross Hockaday, Wm. H. Bean, Hezekiah Hays, H. F. May, Geo. W. Stoy, J. H. Record, James Hollinger, David Weilupp, W. L. Riber, J. N. Orr, John Albin, M. A. Nickey, J. A. Davidson, John J. Graves, J. E. Rucker.

The Board was called to order by the County Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Draper Mr. May was chosen temporary chairman.

On motion of Mr. Stoy the chairman appointed a committee of three on credentials.

Supervisors Draper, Davidson and Bean were chosen.

On motion of Mr. Stoy the Board took a recess to allow the committee time to report.

The committee on credentials made the following report, which was approved on motion of Mr. Davidson:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on credentials beg leave to report that we have examined the credentials of the following elected supervisors and recommend that they be admitted as members of the Board:

Blue Mound—Henry Lowter.

Decatur—John Allen, James H. Record, Fred W. Kipp, H. F. May, W. H. Spence, George W. Stoy.

Harristown—Jacob Labo.

Hickory Point—Hezekiah Hays.

Illinoi—J. J. Tucker.

Maroa—David Weilupp.

Million—William Best.

Macon—O. H. Draper.

Wheatland—John H. Miller.

The holdovers are:

Pleasant View—W. H. Dean.

Decatur—J. A. Davidson, James Hollinger, W. J. Magee.

Austin—W. L. Gaines.

Niantic—J. J. Graves.

Whitmore—Ross Hockaday.

Oakley—M. A. Nickey.

Friends Creek—J. N. Orr.

Long Creek—J. E. Rucker.

O. H. Draper, J. A. Davidson, Wm. H. Bean, Committee.

The Board proceeded to elect a permanent chairman.

Mr. Orr nominated Mr. Ross Hockaday.

Mr. Nickey nominated Mr. David Weilupp.

Mr. Spence nominated Mr. Wm. H. Bean.

Mr. Draper moved the vote be by ballot and that the first ballot be informal. Motion prevailed.

The chair appointed Supervisors Nickey, Kipp and Allen as tellers.

The vote by ballot was as follows:

Hockaday—11 12 10 11 11 10 10

Weilupp—9 1 3 2 2 2 2

Bean—5 12 12 12 12 12 12

Mr. Bean was declared elected and on taking the chair he expressed his thanks for the unexpected honor, which he said had come to him unsought.

Mr. May presented the following which was accepted on motion of Mr. Hollinger:

I hereby resign my position as overseer of the poor of the Decatur township.

H. F. May.

Mr. Nickey, moved the minutes be admitted, and that a committee of five be appointed, the chair to be one of the committee, to fix salary of overseer of the poor of Decatur township for the ensuing year. Motion prevailed.

The chair appointed Supervisors Spence, Draper, May and Nickey as the committee.

On motion of Mr. May the Board stood at ease until the above committee was ready to report.

The committee made the following report, which was approved on motion of Mr. Weilupp:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your special committee, appointed to recommend salary for overseer of the poor of Decatur township, would respectfully recommend that the same be fixed at five hundred dollars (\$500) for the ensuing year.

W. H. Spence,
O. H. Draper,
M. A. Nickey,
H. F. May,
W. H. Bean,
Committee.

The application of J. S. McClelland for overseer of poor of Decatur township was read.

Mr. Draper moved that since Mr. McClelland was the only applicant he be elected by acclamation. Motion prevailed.

Minutes of the proceedings of March meeting were read and approved on motion of Mr. May.

On motion of Mr. Kipp the Board took a recess of ten minutes to select grand jurors for the June term.

The following names were presented:

Austin—W. H. Parker.

Blue Mound—Christ Bailey.

Decatur—Ed. Haines, E. P. Reynolds,

D. A. Maffit, J. M. Hul.

Friends Creek—L. A. Melvin.

Harristown—G. W. Tandy.

Hickory Point—John Sawyer.

Illinoi—G. F. Albert.

Long Creek—Lewis Myers, A. E. Camp.

Maroa—D. H. Glasford, James Smart.

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Said A: "A man has a right to be proud of Chicago. It's the coming center of American life. We have everything here—great manufacturers, fine parks, immense interests of all kinds."

"True," said B, "and there is an additional source of pride among us that a vast majority overlook."

"And that is—"

"Our junk shops."

Received this information with so descriptive a laugh that B turned in his leather chair, and said: "Friend A, I was only half in earnest when I spoke, but I mean it just the same; and to prove my words I will tell you what I will do. I'll wager \$25 that you cannot come with me now to a junkshop I know of in this city and ask for any three things that a man might reasonably want and not be at once supplied from the stock on hand."

"Done," said A promptly, and they at once got into their overcoats and started out on the quest.

At a little dilapidated store on Clark street B paused with his hand on the latch. "All ready?" he asked, tentatively.

"All ready," returned A. "I have been endulging my brains on the way down here and I count that money won."

Behind a counter heaped with knicknacks of almost every description stood a little weazened-faced man in a blue waistcoat and roundabout, who smiled cheerfully on the men as they entered and remarked brightly upon the coolness of the weather. "And what is it to be to-night, gentlemen?" he inquired with professional brevity.

"I am in search of a Rose Noble of the time of Henry VIII," said A. "Have you any in stock?"

"Ah, how fortunate! Only one. But here it is, and I don't believe you could find another in town."

"Thanks," said A, "but I am not through yet. Just give me a nose-ring of a Zambezi warrior. I need one to complete my Indian cabinet."

"With pleasure, sir. Anthropology is my specialty. Would you like a triangle or the ordinary ring?"

"The regular thing will do me," this rather curtly. "But I have to trouble you once more."

A drew himself up for the final effort, shot a side glance at smiling B, and said, slowly: "Be good enough to show me a second-hand altar cloth."

B trembled for his \$25 and turned in alarm to the junk dealer. The little man was somewhere under the counter searching among the debris that filled the room.

"With lace upon it or plain velvet or plush? Here is a beauty withilles of the valley in silk, and here is a French cloth worked with golden fleur de lis. Have you any preference?"

"None whatever," returned A dryly. "Here is your money, but you may keep the goods. I have reward enough in confirming a former suspicion that my friend is an authority on junk-shops."

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Charles B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprietor St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by a gripe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor because it always cures. Mr. Homming, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, always keeps it on hand and has no fear of Crop, because it instantly relieves. At West's drug store.

A Mrs. Platt near Monticello, was a candidate for school director against her own husband and received all but two of the votes cast.

A Life for 50c.

Many people have been cured of kidney diseases by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A new weekly paper called The Black Eye has been started at Mason City. It is "devoted to free silver, free trade and free whisky," and is edited by J. A. O'Neill.

Unconditional surrender, is the only terms these famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The three young tramps who looted the house of G. Barriecklow, a farmer living near Arcola, have been indicted by the Douglas county grand jury and are in jail.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin afflictions. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The Springfield Monitor says that Sup. Ingalls is sufficiently recovered from his recent attack to be able to drive out, and will soon go to a sanitarium in Kenosha, Wis., for further treatment.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The grand jury of Douglas county have made a report concerning the new jail, built only three years ago at a cost of \$12,000. They declare it unsafe and insecure and that a better one could have been built for \$4,000.

When a cold is contracted, cure it at once. One Minute Cough Cure will set you on the road to recovery in a minute. It will cure pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all forms of lung and throat troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Farm City Journal: The Saybrook people are talking for electric light. They are figuring on the cost of constructing a waterfall at the Sangamon river to furnish power for a plant.

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The Marco Dry Goods company, consisting of J. Crocker, C. Sigler and C. W. Street, has been organized and opened up in Marco with a stock of dry goods, clothing and general merchandise.

A Queer (?) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The presses at the Tiffey pressed brick works at Monaca have been shut down indefinitely, the stock of brick on hand being large enough to meet the expected demand for some time to come. Fifteen or twenty employees have been laid off as a consequence.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and revitalize the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

At a meeting of the Gilman city council the special assessment bonds were sold to Trowbridge & Co., of Chicago, who take them at 7 per cent commission, one per cent more than was to be paid to Mason, Lewis & Co., with whom the deal fell through.

PERSONAL.—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Among the relics placed in the corner stone of DeWitt county's new court house was a plug of tobacco found among the rafters of the old court house. It doubtless had been lost there by the carpenters who erected the building.

Not Coughing.

Unhy—My dear, if I should die, how long would you wear mourning for me? Wifey—G. John, I don't want to think of such a thing.

Hubby—You dear little darling! You don't like to think of my death, eh?

Wifey—Well, I don't like to think of mourning. Black isn't becoming to me. N. Y. Truth.

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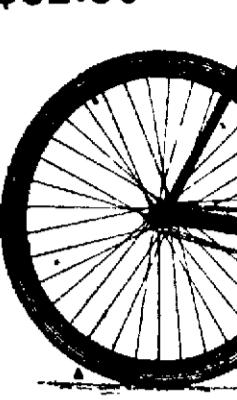
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LIVING MUMMY IN PARIS.

French Physicians Examine an Extraordinary Creature.

The Academy of Medicine in Paris is just now studying one of the most extraordinary human beings who have ever been born into this world, says the New York Herald. He is known as the man mummy, and one glance at his ghastly face and body shows that he deserves the title.

This phenomenal being is named Castagna, and, according to the civil register of Paris, he is now 28 years old. He is about four feet high and he weighs only 43 pounds. Even with his clothes on he is a most singular looking object—a veritable human mummy. His forehead is large, and over it is stretched a thick covering of parchment-like skin. His eyes, the muscles of which are atrophied, are quite round and are wide open, like the eyes of night birds. His nose, too, reminds one of such birds, for not only is it entirely without flesh, but it is also curved in the form of a beak, drooping in this fashion over a mouth in which the teeth can always be seen, set together as though it were a sheath of India rubber. The whole body, is, indeed, a miracle of frailness and meagreness, and the wonder is that a good puff of wind does not blow it away.

His arms and legs are inconceivably thin and slender. Bones and nerves are pressing close against each other, and the tight skin holds them together as though it were a sheath of India rubber. The whole body, is, indeed, a miracle of frailness and meagreness, and the wonder is that a good puff of wind does not blow it away.

SHARK HOOKS.

Fitted with a Length of Stout Chain that the Shark Can't Bite Through.

Shark hooks are made in various sizes, ranging in length from five inches to 14 inches, and in width from 1/8 inch to 3/4 inch. They are provided with a chain and swivel, the chain of the various sized hooks ranging from 10 1/2 inches to 24 inches in length. Shark hooks with chains sell from 50 cents to two dollars, says the New York Sun.

Shark skin and shark oil are utilized for some purposes, and in Mediterranean countries young sharks are eaten, but the catching of sharks for profit is now confined to Europe. Here they are taken mainly for sport. Every coasting vessel is likely to carry a shark fishing outfit, and every fisherman is sure to, and shark tackle is often carried on yachts. Fishermen may catch sharks to get them out of the way so that they will no longer pursue and disturb the fish. On a coaster if they run across sharks the men are likely to fish for them just for fun; and shark fishing from a yacht would also be a diversion. It may be that in shark fishing from a yacht the owner will try his skill on the shark with a rifle, killing it before it is hauled aboard.

Sharks are sometimes mounted by the taxidermist as show pieces for exhibition purposes, but they are never mounted whole as trophies. Occasionally a sportsman or a sailor brings in to be mounted a shark's jaws.

SEEING AND BELIEVING.

Some of the Tricks the Eyes Play on the Understanding.

It is an old and wise saying that "seeing is believing," yet everybody knows that very often what you see, and therefore believe, proves to be not really true at all. As we grow older, says a writer in St. Nicholas, finding that our eyes have so frequently deceived us we are often not satisfied until we have verified it by touch or smell or hearing or taste, or by looking at some doubtful thing from different points of view, or under a different lighting.

We are not willing to believe that a squirrel actually draws rabbits from its ears or coils from the tip of its tail just because our eyes tell us such a thing. Sometimes our deceptions are so strong that things must be made

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Ladies' Tan Shoes, in Button
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Reduced from \$3.55 and \$4.00.

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Ladies' Vici Kid Shoes, in
button and lace, at..... \$1.69

Reduced from \$2.50.

NO. 10.

Child's Dongola Oxfords, patent tip
sizes 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11, at..... 69c

Reduced from \$1.00.

NO. 25.

Men's Russia Calf Shoes in
lace, Hanan & Sons' make, at..... \$2.98

Reduced from \$5.00.

NO. 11.

Child's Russet Shoes in button,
sizes 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11, at..... 79c

Reduced from \$1.25.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Attorney W. J. Johns was in Tuscola yesterday on business.

—Dr. Will Barnes was called to Bement today to visit Granpa McNamee.

—Clarence Sigler of Maora, was in the city yesterday on business.

—L. L. Burrows went to Chicago last night on business.

—Mrs. Robert Taggart is home from a visit with friends in Terre Haute.

—W. L. Dumont went to Chicago last night on business.

—Jack Myers, Fred Munson and George Allen went to Cudor's mill today to fish.

—Rev. G. C. Woods was in Blue Mound this morning on business.

—Attorney A. H. Mills and Henry May went to Clinton this morning.

—Wilbur Humphrey, who has been ill of appendicitis, is recovering.

—Mrs. J. W. Coleman and daughter of Monticello, are visiting with friends in the city.

—John Baron of Warrensburg, left last night on a trip to Washington and New York City.

—Miss Villa Mills and Miss Margaret Mills, who have been visiting friends at Ft. Smith, Ark.

—R. J. Stratton will leave tonight for Boston, Mass.

—Mrs. Dr. T. P. Yerkes of Upper Alton, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. T. B. Spalding.

—Rev. E. A. Hamilton of Monticello, was in the city today, a guest of E. H. Jeffrey and family.

—Charles H. Chamberlain of the Wabash ticket office at the depot, is spending the day with his parents at Niantic.

—Attorney D. D. Hill went to Winchester to attend circuit court.

—J. D. Smith is now the general agent for the Royal Circle Life Insurance company. His territory is the eastern half of Illinois. Harry Moore and Robert Clary are now at work as organizers for the Royal Circle.

THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

An Effort to Get Up the Humphrey Bills in the House—Another Libel Bill Reported.

Springfield, Ill., April 28.—At a meeting of the Republican steering committee of the house this morning an effort was made to have the senate bills on first reading incorporated in the program for the day. This meant that the Humphrey bills is closed some of the book shelves will be sent to the mill for repairs. The shelves and counters will be put in place in the new room and the books will then be moved. It will take at least a month to settle in the new quarters.

The Humphrey bills in the house will be readied for a month to move into the new quarters. All books must be returned to the library before Friday. If they are kept out during the month when the library is closed the holder will be fined for the full time. As soon as the library is closed some of the book shelves will be sent to the mill for repairs. The shelves and counters will be put in place in the new room and the books will then be moved. It will take at least a month to settle in the new quarters.

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The Senate.

The senate committee on judicial department and practice reported a libel bill prepared by the committee yesterday afternoon. It was ordered to a second reading and made a special order for tomorrow by a vote of 28 to 12.

The revenue bill was amended so as to provide for an assessment yearly and advanced to a third reading. The bill passed, prohibiting the placing of persons name more than once on an official ballot; also the bill prohibiting the employment of children under 14 years of age at one bill for the assessment of property also to fifth of its fair cash value. The bill creating a state board of pardons was also passed. Adjourned.

Mr. Hopkins Coming to Decatur.

A. F. Hopkins had decided to remove from Elwin and make Decatur his home.

He will reside in a dwelling of ten rooms on North Union street. He has sold his property at Elwin to C. H. Bridges for \$6500 and took in the deal \$3000 and the Decatur residence. He did not sell his grain at Elwin.

Mr. Hopkins has been engaged in business at Elwin for 31 years, nearly all of

time conducting a general store, engag-

ing also in the grain and coal business

and managing scales and other enterpris-

es. Mr. Bridges succeeds Mr. Hopkins

in the business and for Bridges & Co.

Mr. Hopkins bespeaks the good will of

the people in and around Elwin. He is

an experienced merchant and cannot fail

to prosper. Mr. Hopkins has long been

one of the leading residents of Wheatland

township. He has been prominent always

in church work and in all matters of busi-

ness has guarded closely the interests of

the community in which he lived. We

welcome Mr. Hopkins and his family to

Decatur. They will occupy the property

at 1019 North Union street, built a few

years ago by Henry A. Wood.

Account of the Turnfest of North Amer-

ican Gymnastic Union at St. Louis the

Wabash will sell tickets at one fare for

the round trip, May 6, 7 to 8.

In addition to the Turn Fest there are a great

many other attractions at St. Louis, viz.

a railway collision, theatres and parks.

To accommodate the traveling public we

will on May 8 and 9 sell excursion tickets

to St. Louis at \$1.50 for the round trip

going on trains leaving Decatur at

4:45 and 7:30 p. m., of Saturday, May

8, and 8:40 and 8:55 a. m. of Sunday

May 9. Tickets will only be good return-

ing on trains of May 9. For particulars

see small bills.—*St. Louis*

Laxol is not a mixture of drugs. It is

nothing but Castor Oil made palatable.

STORE DAMAGED BY FIRE.

There was a fire in the McMahons' grocery store in the 1500 block on North Water street at 9 o'clock last night, doing damage aggregating several hundred dollars. The chemical was used in extinguishing the fire which broke out among some hats. Cause unknown. The insurance on the stock is \$2500.

DISTURBED THE CHURCH.

Monday evening some boys in the east end of the city raised a disturbance at All Angels' church. The Young Ladies' Guild was meeting and the boys threw stones in the windows and made themselves extremely annoying. The police were called but the boys escaped. The place will be watched and if the disturbance is repeated the mischief makers will be arrested.

THE REVIVAL.

Mrs. Mason, the evangelist, who has been holding successful meetings at the St. Peter's A. M. E. church, Spring avenue, will hold services there again tonight and every night this week. All are invited to come and bear this successful evangelist who has earned the title of the Second Sam Jones. During the conference year over \$600 have been converted in her meetings. Her subject tonight is "I Come to Myself."

GRANT DAY IN THE SCHOOLS.

While the imposing ceremonies were in progress yesterday in New York in honor of General Grant, special exercises of a memorial character were held in Decatur. At the Sangamon street school Dr. Bumstead and W. H. Garrett addressed the pupils and at the Marietta street school Captain Lyday gave a talk on Grant's battles. Pupils of the school took part in the exercises.

THE BURWICK MEETINGS.

The members of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. held a meeting last night to make arrangements for the meetings for railroad men which James Burwick will hold in this city. They will begin next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock when there will be a meeting for railroad men only. In the evening and each following evening for two weeks meetings will be held for the railroad men and their families. Others interested in the movement are invited to attend.

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